

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, line 7, through line 15, please amend the current paragraph as follows:

-- The electric power steering apparatus 1 is of a so-called rack assist type, and is adapted to drive a steering assist electric motor 19 to apply a steering assist force to the third steering shaft 8. The output rotation of the electric motor 19 is converted into the axial movement of the steering shaft 8 by a ball screw mechanism 21 as a motion converting mechanism. The ball screw mechanism 21 supports is arranged at the other end portion 20 of the housing 13 and supports the other end portion 40 of the steering shaft 8 in an axially movable manner.--